

**EMT-II REGULATORY TASK FORCE  
MEETING MINUTES  
July 14, 2005  
EMS Authority  
Sacramento, CA**

**I. Introductions**

Self-introductions were made.

<b>MEMBERS PRESENT</b>	<b>EMSA STAFF PRESENT</b>	<b>ALTERNATES PRESENT</b>	<b>MEMBERS ABSENT</b>	<b>ALTERNATES ABSENT</b>
Debbie Becker Steve Drewniany	Sean Trask Richard Watson	Louis Bruhnke	Deb Aspling Cliff Flud	Chet Ward Steve Tharratt
Bob May	Dan Smiley	<b>CONFERENCE CALL</b>	Lisa Howell	Lawson Stuart
Bonny Martignoni	Richard Watson	Wes Podboy	Larry Karstead	Howard Fincher
Tom Mc Ginnis	Julie Hamilton	Bruce Haynes John Pritting Debbie Bervel Kelly Lazarus Stephanie Rasmussen	Tim Williams Ruth Grubb Frank Maas Kathy Ochoa Ed Pendergast Vicki Stevens Janet Terlouw Ron Grider Kevin White	

**II. Minutes:**

- A. Approved with the following changes:
1. Kelly Lazarus was deleted from the "Members Absent" column, as she was present during last month's meeting.
  2. Minutes were edited to reflect the deletion of morphine sulfate from the scope of practice

**III. Agenda:**

- A. Approved with the following changes:
1. Old business, Draft EMT- II regulations-introduction of a letter from Leah Turner, EMT II, Burney Fire Protection District, regarding changes in the EMT II regulations and scope of practice.

**IV. Old Business:**

**A. Educational Subcommittee:**

The EMS Commission, at their June 22, 2005 meeting, recommended the formation of an educational subcommittee to review the model EMT–II Curriculum. Names for the Educational Subcommittee (John Pritting, Debbie Becker and Kelly Lazarus) were submitted to Interim Director Richard Watson for approval. The subcommittee will review the draft model curriculum and making recommendations which will take the place of the Required Course Content Section of the draft regulations. The Educational Subcommittee will report back to the Task Force members at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

**B. Draft EMT – II Curriculum:**

Chief Deputy Director Dan Smiley advised the Educational Subcommittee that they may wish to contact Deb Kassen with the National State EMS Directors Association as a resource for the National Scope of Practice as a resource for information regarding the EMT–II model curriculum. The Task Force discussed an e-mail submitted by Kevin White regarding the draft EMT-II curriculum. One of the main points made by Mr. White was a recommendation for a job-task/practice analysis regarding the EMT–II scope of practice. The Task Force discussed this recommendation and decided that in-lieu of a task analysis, the EMS Authority would conduct a retrospective review of the final reports from the various EMT-II and EMT-Advanced Trial Studies which would provide the Task Force with information regarding the administration of medications and specific skills. The Task Force members were concerned that a task analysis is a time consuming, costly, and fairly sophisticated process that would require a consultant to conduct. Unfortunately, there is not reliable outcome data in California with respect to trial studies. Chief May stated that he has access to electronic data in parts of the Nor Cal EMS Region.

**C. Draft EMT-II Regulations**

1. Section 100123 (a) (1) - The Task Force members recommended deleting "... or have possessed a valid EMT IA certificate within the last twelve (12) months." The Task Force also recommended adding the word "within" after EMT-I certificate to specify the EMT-I certificate must be within California.
2. Section 100123 (a) (2) – The Task Force agreed to add the phrase, "the topics contained in," after the word, "of," in case an individual applies for EMT-II certification with some form of equivalent training.
3. Section 100123 (b) – The Task Force agreed to delete the phrase, "or current California paramedic license," from the draft language. This phrase was added to the draft in an earlier version but is unnecessary because a California licensed paramedic is considered to be an EMT-II with no further training, testing, or application for certification.
4. Section 100123 (d) – The Task Force members recommended inserting "California" after the word, "whose," to specify certified EMT–IIs.
5. Section 100123 (c) (2) – The Task Force agreed to 48 hours of total training for an EMT II certification lapse of six months or more, but less than twelve months,
6. Section 100123 (c) (3) – The Task Force agreed to 60 hours of total training for an EMT II certification lapse of 12 months or more, but less than 24 months.
7. Section 100123 (g) – The Task Force recommended editing the subsection to state "The EMT – II Certifying Authority may waive portions of, or all of, the certifying examination for individuals who are currently certified as an EMT–II (remove "or licensed as a paramedic in a California county.") "In such situations, the EMT – II Certifying Authority shall issue a certificate, which shall have as its expiration date, a date not to exceed the expiration date on the individual's current certificate. (Delete "or license".)
8. Section 100123 – The Task Force recommended adding a provision that states that a paramedic is deemed to be certified as an EMT-II with no further training or testing unless the paramedic license is under suspension. The Task Force recommended copying the same language from the EMT-I Regulations for consistency.
9. Section 100123 – The Task Force recommended that a "grandfather clause" be added for those individuals that will be accredited as an EMT-I with optional skills.
10. Section 100124(b) – The Task Force recommended "36" hours of continuing education for maintaining EMT II certification.
11. Section 100124 (d) – The Task Force recommended inserting the phrase, "a part of a process approved by the local EMS agency," and deleting the phrase, "by an EMS approved EMT-II training program." This way the local EMS agency approves the skills competency verification process.
12. Section 100124 (e) – The Task Force recommended striking this entire subsection because it is confusing.

13. Section 100124 (h) – The Task Force recommended inserting “and successfully completing the recertification requirements” after “who apply for maintaining EMT–II certification.”
14. Section 100125 (a) (2) – The Task Force recommended inserting 48 for the total number of hours required for a lapse of six months or more, but less than twelve months.
15. Section 100125 (a) (3) – The Task Force recommended inserting 60 for the total number of hours required for a lapse of twelve months or more, but less than 24 months.
16. Section 100127 (a) – The Task Force agreed to add “ A local EMS Agency may use an approved paramedic base hospital as an approved EMT-II base hospital.” to the end of the subsection.
17. Section 100127 (d) - The Task Force agreed to delete “...an EMT II” and simply state “...revoke the approval of a base hospital...”
18. Section 100128 (c) (2) – The Task Force agreed to change the word “tape” to “audio” to allow for updated technology.
19. Section 100129 (e) This entire subsection was struck.

**D. Role and mission of the EMT - II**

The Task Force wishes to defer this topic until the Task Force progresses with the draft EMT-II Regulations. This item will remain on the agenda as a standing item.

**V. Discussion**

- A. Review of Action Items: The EMS Authority will make the recommended amendments to the draft Chapter of EMT-II Regulations and forward to the Task Force members as soon as the amendments are made.
- B. Next Meeting – The next meeting of the Task Force is scheduled for August 11, 2005 in Sacramento at the EMS Authority may be cancelled until progress is made on the EMT–II model curriculum by the Educational Subcommittee. The committee members will be polled and the decision announced at a later date.
- C. Adjourn –The meeting was adjourned.

Recorder: Sean Trask/ Julie Hamilton